

Celebrating Oceans Week in Schools



The art projects above were created by students at Los Altos Middle School in Camarillo California. Recycled paper bags, cardboard, and wood scraps were used in these projects.

Getting Started With Oceans Week Activities

Covering more than two-thirds of the earth's surface, and containing an abundance of life, ocean studies can really get students excited about learning. Educators are encouraged to embrace "Oceans Week" by incorporating ocean themes across multiple disciplines. There is no specific date for celebrating Oceans Week. Instead, Oceans Week is a concept, and you can fit it into your curriculum whenever it is most appropriate. The National Sanctuary Program continues to participate by providing an "Ocean of Ideas" resource center to help you get started. The "Ocean of Ideas" can be accessed from the Home Page for Oceans Week on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary website at: www.channelislands.noaa.gov.



Students from Canyon Hills Junior High in Chino CA, work on fish mobiles using recycled materials.

Kindergarten Kids from Emilie Ritchen School Get Involved in an "Under The Sea" Ocean Unit

Veronica Binkley has her young students become oceanographers using an ocean unit that she developed. Over six or more weeks, her classroom slowly transforms into an underwater wonderland. Students learn to navigate through major bodies of water, and roll with waves through tide pools and deep sea adventures. The program utilizes ocean activities from skill areas including language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, art, and music. For more information on this unit contact: vbinkley@oxnardsd.org



Left: student participates in "Squidology" actually measuring, recording, and dissecting a squid. The young scientists count tentacles, suction cups, and more.

Right: How Do Fish Eat? This activity lets kids discover how fish eat when they only have a mouth to catch and consume their food.



Jason XIV Expo at Fillmore Middle School

At the end of the 2002-2003 school year, students at Fillmore Middle School, celebrated participating in "The Jason Project XIV From Shore to Sea" that explored the California Channel Islands.

